



NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF MONO INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Tribal Chairperson Elaine Fink, called to order the special meeting of the North Fork Rancheria at 1:12 p.m. on **June 4, 2020** via Zoom Conference Meeting.

II. Moment of Silent Prayer

A moment of Silent Prayer was observed.

III. Roll Call

Tribal Secretary, Katrina Guitierrez conducted a roll call. The following Council members were present: Elaine Fink, Fred Beihn, Katrina Guitierrez, Maryann McGovran and Jacquie Van Huss.

Staff Present:

Teri Haggard – CFO

Guest:

John Maier - Attorney

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Council Member Van Huss motioned to approve the agenda with the deletion of (1) a-8. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 5/0/0

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of May 21, 2020 with the addition of adding "\$15.00 an hour"; and to add in "pv" under mail and travel. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0

VI. New Business

I. Chairperson Fink

a. COVID-19

1. General Welfare Benefit Program (GWAB) Application

Tribal Council and Mr. Maier held a discussion about how donations can be given to local Chamber, Sierra Mono Museum and the North Fork Boosters. Funds can be given in the form of a grant and it will be up to them to make sure they use it specifically for COVID-19 impacts and nothing else. Would the tribe be responsible to make sure they use it for those purposes or not?

A discussion was also held regarding other cash disbursements can be made to tribal citizens. Mr. Maier stated that cash payments are an allowable cost for the COVID-19 because all citizens are impacted.

2. GWABP Cover Letter

By consensus, Tribal Council agreed to mail the letter and application for the General Welfare Benefit Program.

A discussion was held regarding the hazard pay and who actually qualifies for it and after further discussion, Tribal Council agreed that all employees are eligible for the hazard pay because they are working directly with the COVID-19 as well as Tribal Council.

3. COVID-19 Budget

Tribal Council discussed about giving funds to the Museum, Library and the Summer Youth Program. The majority of Tribal Council said no to giving funds to other local mono tribes.

4. Hazard Pay

A discussion was held regarding the staff that worked on the food distribution are the only ones that can be given the hazard pay, but after further discussion it was decided that all staff will be given hazard pay since everyone directly works in an environment and related work due to the COVID.

5. COVID-19 Policy / Procedure

Chairperson Fink will write a letter to staff explaining that the guidelines set by Tribal Council will be used. Thermometers for each department are on the way. Mrs. Lavell will draft a policy and bring back to Tribal Council.

6. First Responders Scholarship Application and Procedures

A discussion was held regarding what is acceptable under the COVID-19 and how they can apply with the tribe.

7. Food Distribution

A discussion was held regarding sending citizens either cards or checks to help with groceries, cleaning supplies, etc. during these trying times. The following motion was made:

*Council Member Van Huss motioned to give every adult citizen in good standing \$300.00 once a month for COVID-19 to December. Treasurer McGovran seconded.
Mc 3/0/0*

8. North Fork Transfer Station

This is a standing agenda item.

2. Council Member Van Hus

a. Sierra News Online

FYI – Council Member Van Huss reported that she was contacted by the reporter. All communications go to Public Relations – Charles Alterkruse.

3. EPD Director – Christina McDonald

a. Clean Water Act Resolution

*Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 20-24 A Resolution authorizing the submission of a Clean Water Act Section 106 Program Grant proposal to the Environmental Protection Agency for \$42,105. Council Member Van Huss seconded.
Mc 5/0/0*

VII. Unfinished Business

1. *Treasurer McGovran*

a. TANF Advisory Board

Tribal Council approved for the Board to start to hold meetings.

b. Citizen Delivery Request

A discussion was held regarding Naylor's delivery service and whether or not they can purchase tobacco in a legal way and how would they confirm the age of a person that requested tobacco. Treasurer McGovran requested a legal review on this. Treasurer McGovran will contact Attorney, John Maier.

2. *Secretary Guitierrez*

a. CAO Recruitment update

Chairperson Fink signed the contract with Traci McCarty & Associates and will be in effect for 90 days.

Council Member Van Huss motioned to accept the Executive Search Agreement with Traci McCarty and Associates for the CAO headhunter. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 3/0/2 with Vice-Chairperson Beihn and Treasurer McGovran abstaining.

b. MOA/Retro- Resolution No. 20-23

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to retro the action made on May 29, 2020 via email.

Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 3/0/2 with Chairperson Fink and Council Member Van Huss abstaining.

VIII. Executive Session

1. *Treasurer McGovran*

a. Personnel

This item was tabled.

2. *Chairperson Fink*

a. Citizen Request

Tribal Council denied the request.

IX. Mail / Travel – N/A

X. Adjournment

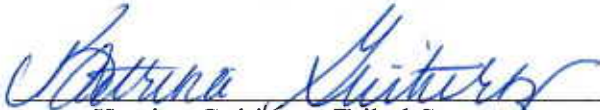
Council Member Van Huss motioned to adjourn @ 3:33 p.m. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 5/0/0

Minutes submitted by: **Katrina Guitierrez** – 06/16/2020

COUNCIL APPROVAL

At a meeting of the Tribal Council of the North Fork Rancheria, call and convened on the **11th** day of **August, 2020**, at which a legal quorum was present, these minutes were approved as amended by a vote of **4 For 0 Against 0 Abstaining**.

DATED this **12th** day of **August, 2020**.


Katrina Guitierrez, Tribal Secretary


Judy E. Fink, Tribal Chairperson